

Amendments to the Specification:

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052635, filed October 22, 2004, which claims priority of German Patent Application No. 103 49 665.3, filed October 24, 2003.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. **Field of the Invention**

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2. **Discussion of Background Information**

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a textile which comprising cotton fibers. The cotton fibers are impregnated with a preparation comprising ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino)propionate.

In one aspect, the textile may comprise a nonwoven material. In another aspect, the textile may comprise from 1% to 30% by weight of cotton fibers, based on the

total weight of the textile. By way of non-limiting example, the textile may comprise from 1% to 30% by weight of cotton fibers, from 9% to 80% by weight of viscose fibers, and from 19% to 90% by weight of polyester fibers, each based on the total weight of the textile.

In yet another aspect, the concentration of the cotton fibers in the textile may increase toward the surface of the textile. For example, the surface of the textile may have a cotton concentration of up to 30 % by weight and the inside of the textile may have a cotton concentration of up to 10 % by weight.

In another aspect, the textile of the present invention may have an average thickness of from 0.4 mm to 2 mm.

In a still further aspect, the degree of impregnation of the textile may be from 2.0 g/cm to 10.0 g/cm.

In another aspect, the preparation may comprise an oil-in-water emulsion (O/W) emulsion (for example, an emulsion comprising one or more emulsifiers in a total concentration of from 0.5% to 8.5% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparation) and/or the preparation may comprise from 1.0% to 40% by weight, e.g., from 5% to 15% by weight, of ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino)propionate, based on the total weight of the preparation.

In yet another aspect, the preparation may further comprise one or more anti-inflammatory substances in a total concentration of from 0.1% to 20.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparation.

In yet another aspect of the textile of the present invention, the preparation may comprise one or more additional insect repellents. For example, the preparation may further comprise emu oil and 2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-methylpropyl 1-piperidinecarboxylate.

The present invention also provides a method of making the textile of the present invention. The method comprises impregnating cotton fibers with a preparation comprising ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino)propionate.

The present invention also provides a method of repelling insects from human skin. The method comprises rubbing the human skin with the textile of the present invention, including the various aspects thereof as set forth above.

The present invention also provides a cotton fiber which is impregnated with a preparation which comprises ethyl 3-(N-n-butyl-N-acetylamino)propionate. For example, the preparation may comprise an oil-in-water emulsion (O/W) emulsion and/or the preparation may further comprise one or more anti-inflammatory substances.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION